of the present fishing fleet. The diversification of part of this fleet is crucial to the revival of the deep sea fishing industry. The World Bank has now communicated that deep sea fishing is not one of the priorities of their Agriculture Division's pipeline. They have, however stated that the subject is interesting and important and they would share with the Government any information on possible assistance if it becomes available.

(c) and (b) package for rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing units was announced by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd., Bombay in April, 1991 which was revised in June, 1992. No new package has been offered in addition to the above package.

276. [Transferred to the 4th May, 1993].

Production of mango pulp in A.P.

277. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a vast potential for production of mango pulp in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to exploit the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 175 licensed units under the Fruit Products Order out of which 115 units are capable of processing mangoes for the production of mango pulp. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a number of developmental plan schemes under which assistance is provided for the setting up/upgradation of food processing units which includes units for production of mango pulp. An assistance of Rs. 104 lacs has been provided to Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation for the setting up of two fruits & vegetable processing projects in Andhra Pradesh which among other items envisages production of mango pulp.

Deep sea fishing trawlers operating in East Coast

278. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deep sea fishing trawlers operating in east-coast;

(b) the number of them chartered and how many others are owned by Indian firm;

(c) how many applications are still Pending for new ventures and since how long they are pending; and

(d) they are at what stage of consideration now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) 199 deep sea fishing trawlers have been permitted for operation in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. The number of trawlers operating in East Coast varies from time to time as they move out from East Coast to West Coast depending on the availability of fish.

(b) There are six chartered foreign fishing vessels operating as on 13-04-93, 192 trawlers owned by Indian companies and one vessel under Test Fishing.

(c) and (d) 8 applications for deep sea fishing received from November' 92 onwards, are pending. These applications are in process at interministerial level.

Minimising fruit processing costs

279. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that low utilisation of processing machinery increases fruits processing costs in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a combination of items to be processed through the same plant could minimise costs and maximise days of operation;